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# SONS of the EAST:

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An EPISTLE written in *English* by Old D<sup>r</sup> Chamberlen (Eldest Scarlet of Europe) Senior to all Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, and Doctors, now living.) To the Synagogue of the Jews in London, being a Remnant of the numerous People of *Israel*, scattered into all Countries over the Face of the Earth; who were once the peculiar Inheritance, and only Beloved People (above the Nations of the World) wisheth Health, Grace, and Truth, from God the Father of All, by the Means of the True *Messiah*; whose Coming *Israel* expects on Earth, and Christians hope from Heaven in Glory. A M E N.

Greatly Beloved Nation, and People  
most Honoured of God,

**I** Dare not but Love, and Honour you; for *Salvation is of the Jews*, (John 4. 22.) And in the Seed of *Abraham*, shall all Nations of the Earth be Blessed, (Gen. 22. 18.).

I have heard, that some (of the most Worthy amongst You) have made some Enquiry after a few Christians, who keep the Sabbath of the Lord Your God, and Ours. Wherefore, (by the Providence of God) having been the First that endeavoured to rescue that Commandment from the Triple-crowned-little Horns Change of Times, and Laws, as was foretold by your Prophet *Daniel*, (Chap. 7. 25.)

I am in some hope, that God may provoke you to Jealousie, by a People that were not then called his People, (Deut. 32. 21.) And having been conversant with several of your Nation in Italy, Germany, and the Low Countries, I think my self the more engaged to salute you in mine own Native Country.

Of all the SYNAGOGUES beyond Sea, I found the kindest, and civillest Reception at GENUA, in Italy: Where (after a few words spoken in Italian to the whole Congregation, after they had intermitted their Devotions) I was invited to the House of Rabbi ABRAHAM ATTIAS, the next Day after the Sabbath; where I met with 5 Rabbies more; purposely come together to hear what I would say, and to confer thereupon.

I had saluted them in the Synagogue, as the Beloved Nation of God, who once were the HEAD of all Nations; but asked of them, if they did not consider, that now they were as the Tail of all, (Deut. 28. 13.) and lived scattered in all Countries (as *precario*) by Permission? And what Prophet, or Manifestation of Gods Love unto them had they found these 1600 Years, since the Crucifying of the Young Man (as they call him) at Jerusalem? Were they ever so long kept from some Prophet, or Manifestation of the Love of God, as since then? So now (being met) I came to closer Questions; and asked them, Whether it was not a wonder, that all Na-

tions (except the JEWS) should be willing to believe in a JEW, though they hated the Nation? But the Jews (and none else) hated Him, who was of their own Flesh and Blood. Whereupon (to take off the Obloquy of CHRISTIANITY) I told them, They must not think, that was the Christian Religion, which they saw at Rome and Italy (in the Adoration of Crosses, Images, Pictures, Reliques, Wafer-Gods of Flesh and Blood, and the Virgin Mary, (Queen of Heaven) no more than we call it the Religion of the Jews, when they worshipped B A A L I M and A S H T A R O T H, (1 Sam. 12. 10.) &c. We esteem none to be Jews, but those who live according to the Law of Moses: So I would not have them esteem any for Christians, but those (who in all things) were according to the Gospel of Christ; of which they all did unanimously approve.

Then I said, I pray let it be considered, what you can say for the Old Testament, that I cannot say for the New; Or what you can say against the New Testament, that I may not (by the same Rule) alledge against the Old. Upon which the Learned Rabbi (*Abraham Attias*) lifted up his voice, and professed, He never Read more excellent Rules of Righteousness, and of Holiness, than in the New Testament.

I then proceeded, and said, was it incredible, that a VIRGIN should conceive without a Man? Was it not much more to believe a Woman made of the Rib of a Man? or a Man made of the Dust of the Earth? Or the Earth to bring forth Bears, Lyons, Tigers, Elephants, and all Beasts? And the Waters to bring forth Whales, with all Fishes, and Fowles, &c. as Moses gives the Relation in the First, and Second Chapters of Genesis? But all things are possible to God, as the Angel told the Virgin, (Luke 1. 34, 35, 36, 37.)

But I now Address my self unto you (most worthy and beloved Friends) when was, or ever will be, all the Promises, and Prophecies fulfilled, if not in Jesus Christ? I shall onely offer some few to your Consideration.

First, Gen. 3. 15. I will put Enmity between Thee, and the Woman; and between thy Seed, and her Seed;



it shall bruise thy Head, and thou shalt bruise his Heel. Why did not God say, between Thee, and the Man; but between thee, and the Woman? And why not between His Seed, and Thy Seed; but between Her Seed, and Thy Seed? Was not the Woman herself made of Man? And did not all the Generations ever since come from Man, as well as Woman, and begot of Man, except the onely First-Born of his Mother Mary? Is it not (in effect) the same with the Prophet Isaiah, (Chap. 7. 14.) *A Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his Name Emmanuel.* When was this performed, if not in Jesus Christ? Or if it were yet to be performed, could it be more exactly fulfilled than in Him?

Secondly, Gen. 22. 18. *In thy Seed shall all the Nations of the Earth be Blessed.*

1. Note, He saith not in thy Seeds (as many) but Seed (as one, Gal. 3. 16.)
2. Note, That though it were to be the Seed of the Woman, a VIRGIN; yet she should descend from him; and so that which was Born of her, must needs be of his Seed also.

Thirdly, In like manner of David? The Virgin was of the Lineage of David, and so was Joseph (his supposed Father) that Jesus might be the Son of David, and King of the Jews, by Inheritance, Psal. 89. 3, 4.

Fourthly, Deut. 18. 15. *Moses testifieth, a Prophet will the Lord thy God raise up unto Thee, from the midst of Thee, of thy Brethren, like unto Me, unto Him shall ye hearken.* Now, who of all the Prophets was like unto Moses, unless you allow of Jesus Christ? Whom the Jewish Apostles (Peter and John) urged to your Nation, perswading them to believe in him, Acts 3. 22, 23. And (Acts. 7. 37.) urged in like manner, by the Zealous Jew, Stephen; who was murder'd by the People, and High Priests, for reproving them of their murdering the Prophets, and their unbelief. With this also agrees (Isa. 33. 22.) *The Lord is our Judge; The Lord is our Law-giver, (or Statute-maker; ) The Lord is our King, and he will save us.* So Jam. 4. 12. Joh. 12. 48.

Fifthly, Psal. 2. All along foretelleth the Lord Jesus Christ; the Kings and Peoples dealing with him, as hath been since performed. And more, that God calls him there his Son, *This day have I begotten Thee, (verf. 7.) Ask of me, and I will give thee the Heathen for an Inheritance, (verf. 8.)* Is not this fulfilled, when the Heathen believe, and obey him, but the Jews do not?

Sixthly, Psal. 22. Is a Prophecie of the sufferings of Jesus: *They pierced my Hands, and my Feet, (verf. 16.) They parted my Garments amongst them, and cast Lots upon my Vesture, (v. 18.)* Is not the History in the

very same Words? Mat. 27. Mark. 15. Luk. 23. John 19.

Seventhly, Psal. 110. 1. *The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right Hand, until I make thy Foes thy Footstool.* Of whom is this spoken, if not of Jesus Christ? If David then call him Lord, how is he his Son? (Mat. 22. 45.) which is more plainly amplified by your Divine Prophet (Isa. 9. 6.) *To us a Child is Born; to us a Son is given; and the Government shall be upon his shoulder: His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father (or Father of Eternity) the Prince of Peace.* Can all this be said of God? Or can it possibly be said of any other Man, but Jesus Christ, Immanuel, the Son of God, the Seed of the Woman, and Virgin, the Seed of Abraham in whom all the Nations of the Earth are blessed? Can you believe all those things in Gods Promises, and not in Gods Performances? Do you believe them in Gods Prophecies, and not in Gods Fulfillings? The *New Testament* is but the fulfilling of the *Old*. How have you lost that value you once put upon all Gods Words? was not Christ's Obscurity, sufferings, the Jews cruelty (Isa. 53. 2, 3, 4, 5.) together with the Jews Unbelief, and Hardness of Heart, all foretold; That they should not believe it, though a Man declare it unto them? Hab. 1. 5. Acts 13. 40, 41. Thus you find it, and yet do not believe your selves.

Dearly beloved Nation! Strive not so eagerly against your own Salvation. Jonas was Three Days, and Three Nights in the Whales Belly (Jh. 1. 17.) And so long was CHRIST in his Tomb, (Mat. 12. 40. Ch. 27. 63.) Elias was carried to Heaven in a Fiery Charriot, (2 Kings 2. 11.) And CHRIST ascended up into Heaven in a Cloud, (Acts 1. 9.)

How long have ye been without an Ephod, and a Teraphim, (Hos. 3. 4.) and not sensible of it? How long have ye been without Prophets, and immediate Revelations, and Signes from Heaven to you in particular? How long is the Scepter departed from Juda? How long will ye wait for your Shiloh? Gen. 49. 10. How long for your Messiah, and refuse him that is so long since come unto you? will ye needs delay till ye look on Him, whom your Fathers have pierced? Zach. 12. 10. If you would know more particulars, command

Most Honoured Nation,

Your most Humble Servant,  
in the Lord,

Peter Chamberlen.